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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

—EDITORS OF THE AMERICAN NATURALIST:—I have recently had my attention called to an error in my paper on Directive Coloration, and I wish to correct it as far as possible. Please have the following errata inserted where they will accomplish the most in this direction.

Errata.—On page 201, and 10th line of article on Directive Coloration, substitute Wallace for "Darwin."

On the 15th line of the same paper, erase the first five words.

Yours truly,

Tabor, Ia., Sept. 10th, 1888.

J. E. TODD.

—A summary of the little that is known of John Abbot, the Natural History artist of Georgia, is given by S. H. Scudder in the *Canadian Entomologist* for August, 1888.

—Dr. Douglass H. Campbell has been appointed Associate Professor of Botany in Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

—Dr. David S. Kellicott has been elected to the chair of Comparative Anatomy and Zoology in the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

—Dr. Julius Nelson, of Johns Hopkins University, goes to the experiment station established in connection with Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, N. J.

—Mr. George H. Parker has been appointed instructor in Zoology at Harvard University.

—The Western Society of Naturalists will hold its annual meeting October 24 and 25, 1888, at Champaign, Illinois, in the building of the Illinois State University. The presidential address will be delivered by Dr. S. A. Forbes. It is intended to give the meeting a distinctly educational tendency, and to this end essays on the methods of teaching the various natural-history sciences are expected from the members. These, together with the resulting discussions, it is hoped, will prove of considerable interest and value. There will also be papers upon microscopical, physiological and anatomical technique. The local hotels at Champaign and Urbana give rates of \$1.50 and \$1.00 per day. The headquarters of the Association will be at the Caldwell House, Urbana. The Secretary of the Society is Dr. J. S. Kingsley, Bloomington, Indiana.